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Title: CONNECTING SYSTEM FOR CONNECTING A STENT TO A RADIOPAQUE MARKER AND A PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A CONNECTION BETWEEN A STENT AND TWO OR MORE RADIOPAQUE MARKERS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is filed as a part of the national stage entry of PCT application PCT/EP2004/05883, which was filed on 1 June 2004, which, in turn, claims priority from German patent application number 103 25 6784, filed on 2 June 2003. The fees for the claims should be calculated based on the claims remaining after the entry of this Preliminary Amendment, which results in 20 total and 1 independent claims. Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION – begin on page 2 and are reflected in the substitute specification submitted herewith in clean copy and marked-up copy versions.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS - are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS – begin on page 8.